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THE AMENDMENT

In the Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A parvovirus vector having comprising a parvovirus DNA excisable from the vector DNA in a parvovirus-permissive cell, wherein the parvovirus DNA has having a left terminus which comprises a parvovirus minimal origin of replication CTWWTCA, wherein W is any nucleotide, and the parvovirus DNA is excisable from the parvovirus vector in a parvovirus-permissive cell.
- 2. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 1, wherein the left terminus of the parvovirus DNA comprises internal replication sequences.
- (Currently Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the parvovirus minimal origin of replication comprises CTWWTCA sequence is a consensus sequence of an MVM NS1 nicking site.
- 4. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the parvovirus DNA originates from a mammalian parvovirus.
- 5. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the parvovirus DNA is a rodent parvovirus.
- 6. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 5, wherein the rodent parvovirus is MVM or H-1.
- 7. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the parvovirus DNA comprises a combination of DNA sequences of various parvoviruses.
- 8. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 7, wherein the parvovirus DNA originates from H-1 and the left terminus comprises a minimal parvovirus origin of replication of MVM.

- 9. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the parvovirus DNA region coding for capsid proteins is partially or fully replaced by an exogeneous DNA.
- 10. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 9, wherein the exogeneous DNA codes for a polypeptide usable in a treatment.
- 11. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 10, wherein the polypeptide is a cytokine or a toxin.
- 12. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 11, wherein the cytokine is a chemotactic polypeptide.
- 13. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according to claim 12, wherein the chemotactic polypeptide is MCP-1.
- 14. (Previously Amended) The parvovirus vector according claim 1 or 2, wherein the parvovirus vector is present as a parvoviral particle.
- 15. (Previously Amended) A system comprising the parvovirus vector according to claim 9 and a cell expressing the capsid proteins of parvovirus.
- 16. (Previously Amended) The system according to claim 15, wherein the expression of the capsid proteins is controlled by a helper plasmid comprising an SV40 origin of replication and the cell expresses an SV40 large T antigen.
- 17. (Previously Amended) The system according to claim 15, wherein the DNA coding for the capsid proteins is under the control of the parvovirus promoter P38.
- 18. (Previously Amended) A method of producing the parvoviral particle according to claim 14, comprising the steps of: transfecting a parvovirus-permissive cell with the parvovirus vector according to claim 9, expressing the capsid proteins of a parvovirus in the cell, and isolating the parvoviral particle.

19. (Currently Amended) Use of A method for providing gene therapy, comprising the steps of transfecting parvovirus-permissive cells with the parvovirus vector according claim 9 for gene therapy, and expressing the exogeneous DNA in the cells.

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- 20. (Currently Amended) Use-The method according to claim 19, wherein the gene therapy is carried out in the case of tumor diseases.
- 21. Canceled.